

**GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION TOUR  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009–3:00pm**

**PRESENT MEMBERS:** Rose Marie Ponton, Chair, Carl Brower, Jr., Vice-Chair, Paul Brown, Ken Free, Bill Knight, Steve Moore

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Marc Bush, Lori Galbreath

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Martha Cook, John Hughes, Dan Maxson, Marcie Richardson, Anthony Wade, Chris Wilson

Commission Members began and ended their tour at the Greensboro Sportsplex. They toured and were updated on the following Parks & Recreation facilities:

- Keeley Park
- Lake Daniel Park
- Heath Park
- Barber Park
- Ole Asheboro Park
- Greensboro Sportsplex
- Downtown Greenway

Dinner was held upon their return to the Greensboro Sportsplex at approximately 5:15pm.

Immediately following dinner, Rose Marie Ponton, Chair, invited the Commission to attend the Citizen Board Member Forum from August 13-15, 2009 at the Airport Marriott.

Ponton updated the Commission on the 2008 bond approved aquatic center and informed Members that this facility was presented at the May 5, 2009 City Council meeting.

Ponton stated that in July 2008 the Parks and Recreation Commission was notified by City Council that an aquatic facility would be included on the Parks and Recreation 2008 bond referendum. Other items were included on this bond such as repairs and renovations to existing Parks and Recreation pools. In November 2008 the bond was approved by voters.

During the City Council meeting on May 5, 2009 a motion was made by Councilperson Robbie Perkins for the War Memorial Commission to oversee the planning and implementation of the aquatic center. The motion passed 6-3.

Due to the above mentioned motion, Parks and Recreation Commission Members unanimously agreed that a letter signed by all Members should be sent to the Mayor and all City Council Members stating the following concerns and requests:

- Remaining 2008 bond funds are to be used for its intended purposes.
- Public input process should be held regarding the aquatic center.
- Request the release of previous 2000 & 2006 bond funds for projects such as Keeley Park, existing swimming pool repairs, a skate park, etc.

Commission requested a list of 2000, 2006, and 2008 bond projects (attached).

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant  
Greensboro Parks and Recreation